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SUBJECT: NAMING OF NEW NATIONAL INVESTIGATION COMMANDER

1. ON AUGUST 6 IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT MAJOR OSCAR ARMANDO MEJIA PERALTA HAD ASSUMED CHARGE OF DIN (DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL INVESTIGATION) IN PLACE OF CAPTAIN RENE SAGASTUME. DIN EMPLOYEES HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO TEGUCIGALPA FOR A MEETING ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 6 TO HEAR THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE COMMANDER OF THE SPECIAL SECURITY CORPS (CES), COLONEL POLICARPO PAZ GARCIA. DURING THE MEETING IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE PURPOSE OF DIN AND THE CES IN GENERAL IS TO PROTECT RATHER THAN ABUSE THE PEOPLE. THERE HAS BEEN A RECENT FLURRY OF PRESS PUBLICITY ABOUT POLICE BRUTALITY.

2. RUMOR HAS IT THAT AN IMPORTANT REASON FOR THE COMMAND CHANGE WAS THE REPEATED CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AGAINSTS HE ORGANIZATION. THE MOST RECENT CHARGES INVOLVE AN ALLEGED LOTTERY MANIPULATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN A CONTRABAND CAR

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